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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

There are few more interesting women in this country than Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe. The city of Hartford, Conn., is the home of this unique American character. She is now eighty-five years old, and while she does no literary work she holds to her old motto, "Trust in the Lord and do good." Her chief work and that which stirred the countries more than perhaps any single book ever stirred a like number of people in the history of the world, was "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which she wrote when she was about forty years old.

It is always risky to indulge much in what is termed "joking." He who allows himself to engage in it freely will, sooner or later, find himself embarrassed by it. The faculty at Wake Forest College have abolished Class Day Exercises of commencement week, because the speakers on these occasions have fallen into the habit of joking their class-mates rather roughly.

One of the best women we ever knew and one who did much good and was highly esteemed and greatly beloved until her death at a ripe old age, never could tolerate a "joke."

Webster's "blue-back" certainly holds a place in our midst yet. The "battle of the books" amongst the county commissioners throughout the State Monday in June, accentuated the fact that the book of the fathers is not forgotten.

The Charlotte Observer said recently: "We congratulate the commissioners of Mecklenburg county upon having added the blue-back spelling book to the list of books to be taught in public schools. People may talk about it as they like, but with its 'Baker,' 'Incomprehensibility,' the fables in the back about the milk-maid, the lawyer and the farmer, and all that, there is no book like it. Mecklenburg is always in the van of civilization."

Americans are regarded as perhaps the best natured people in the world. To such a degree does our good nature carry us that frequently we allow things to pass unnoticed which ought to be regarded as wrongs demanding redress. For instance, it sometimes occurs that a drunken man at a public political meeting will interject expressions of foolish approval or disagreement of what the speaker is saying, both to the speaker's annoyance and the crowd's great disgust; but as often as otherwise the disturber of the occasion is allowed to go unnoticed. Our good nature says that he is ignorant and irresponsible, and so he is let alone.

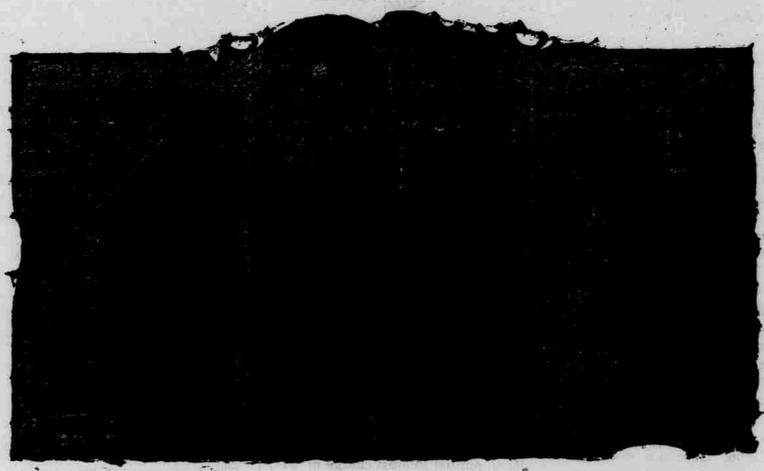
Good nature is a most commendable quality in all men, but sometimes it is possible for persons to be good natured to a fault.

The New York Dispatch thinks that there is no need for Americans to go abroad to see the best and finest things in the world. In a recent number that paper said:

"New York has purchased everything movable in the old world worth having. Here are the world's great paintings and statuary. As to ruins we don't desire any. As to pyramids, we have larger in Yucatan than there are in Egypt. As to palaces, we have miles of them. As to temples of drama, music, art, literature and science, ours are unsurpassed. None of the boulevards of the world have anything like the Hudson for a border. There isn't a clean hotel in the old world. The cook tourists have left their marks on all of them. New York's hotels are new, colossal and incomparable. In these days, the world comes to America for scenery. Venice and Rome are malarial cities. Most of the other cities are dirty. Paris is a city of greasy hotels and what cooks it had have been imported. Americans who go abroad must have tags on them, register and be under police surveillance. Why go abroad? New York, the magnificent, should suffice."

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THE ASSEMBLY HALL.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., May 4, 1896. Messrs. Prince & Wilson.

Gentlemen.—In accordance with your request, we append the following statement regarding the healthfulness of Scotland Neck: Our observations cover periods varying from six to thirty-five years. In our judgment Scotland Neck, in point of healthfulness, is the equal of any town in the State, and superior to any in Eastern Carolina. Virulent epidemics, such as occasionally decimate other portions of the State are unknown here, and sporadic cases of these diseases are rare in occurrence, and less often fatal than they appear in other sections. The town is well drained, and as free from malaria as most towns in other parts of the State claiming immunity from malarial influences. We do not hesitate to say that it is as

From the first, the people of the Scotland Neck region have been firm believers in the truths of Christianity and have been very careful in the observance of the duties which it enjoins. The leavening influences of the Baptist (Primitive and Missionary), and the Episcopal churches, have been operating in the community since the colonial days; and these, together with the influences of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches have so shaped the moral and religious trend of the community that it is perhaps more widely known for its social, moral and religious advantages and influences than any other section of North Carolina.

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SMALL COST.

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On page 21 you will find this statement:

"Parties unknown to us must pay in advance, or give responsible reference." We are told that a few were asked, during the past session, to withdraw from school for failure to pay dues.

We are also informed by the superintendents that this rule will be more rigidly enforced in the future. This is right and will be commended by all fair minded people. It is just as impossible to run a school successfully with a disregard for business principles as it is for a merchant to succeed who buys goods for cash, sells them and never collects.

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